

ACTION

AGENDA ITEM: Special Services Program - Literacy

ISSUES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD AT THIS MEETING:

1. Additional 2001/02 California Library Literacy Service (CLLS) funding.
2. Additional 2001/02 Families For Literacy (FFL) funding.

RECOMMENDED MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD: I move that the Library of California Board direct its Chief Executive Officer to seek additional fiscal year 2001/02 local assistance funding in the amount of \$2,078,000 for the CLSA Special Services – California Library Literacy Service program.

RECOMMENDED MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD: I move that the Library of California Board direct its Chief Executive Officer to seek additional fiscal year 2001/02 funding in the amount of \$500,000, for the CLSA Special Services - Families For Literacy program.

1. Additional 2001/02 California Library Literacy Service (CLLS) funding.

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:

The preliminary 2000/01 CLSA local assistance budget as adopted by the Library of California Board (LoCB) in August 1999 contains an allocation of \$4.090 million for the support of California Library Literacy Service (CLLS) as defined in Statutes (Chapter 1095, Statutes of 1992). This amount, which is the amount in the Governor's 2000/01 proposed budget, is sufficient to support all 11 existing 2nd through 5th year CLLS programs at the levels defined in statute. The current allocation is also sufficient to permit the initiation of CLLS services in seven (7) additional library jurisdictions, and to permit state to local matching of financial resources at an estimated \$1 to \$5.32 ratio, or approximately 18.8% state match for local programs in their 6th and subsequent years of operation. The law provides for a one to one match of one State dollar for each dollar raised locally.

It is estimated that five new programs will begin library-based literacy services in fiscal year 2001/02 for a total of \$440,000. Sixteen programs will be continuing literacy services in years 2-5 totaling \$1,272,497. An additional \$2,078,000 to the CLLS appropriation would allow for an estimated 30% state match as authorized by the Board in June, however, this is still less than the 100% state match for which the law provides.

2. Additional 2001/02 Families For Literacy (FFL) funding.

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:

The preliminary 2000/01 CLSA local assistance budget as adopted by the Board in August 1999 contained an allocation of \$876,000 for the support of Special Services - Families For Literacy (FFL) Program as defined in Statutes (Chapter 1350, Statutes of 1987). The Governor's budget contains an augmentation of \$508,000 bringing the FFL allocation to \$1,384,000. This amount is sufficient to minimally support all 77 programs that applied for FFL funding in fiscal year 2000/01; however, requests for 2000/01 fiscal year totaled over \$1.9 million. An additional \$500,000 is needed to fully fund all 77 programs that applied for grants this year.

GENERAL OVERALL PROGRAM UPDATES:

CURRENT STATUS: CLSA Special Services Program activities are organized in two current components: 1) activities undertaken to implement Library of California Board priorities for emphasizing services to the underserved in other CLSA Programs (e.g., System Reference); and, 2) services supported with funds allocated to the CLSA Special Services Program, currently the library-centered adult literacy services known as the California Library Literacy Service (CLLS), and the Families for Literacy Program (FFL). These programs together are known as the California Literacy Campaign (CLC).

At its February 2000 meeting the LoCB directed its Chief Executive Officer to allocate 2000/01 California Library Literacy Service Act funds to local programs in accordance with the provisions of Section 18733.2 of the Education Code. The 2000/01 State Budget Act and the preliminary 2000/01 CLSA Local Assistance Budget as adopted by the Board in August 1999 appropriated a total of \$4,090,000 to implement the CLLS component of the CLSA Special Services Program in the 2000/01 fiscal year.

In accordance with the LoCB February action the Chief Executive Officer announced awards totaling \$967,369 to local CLLS programs in the 2nd through 5th years of operation based on the funding formula established in Section 18733.2 of the Education Code. A complete list of these local CLLS programs and the amounts awarded appears as Exhibit A to this agenda item.

The Chief Executive Officer also announced the initiation of CLLS services in seven additional library jurisdictions totaling \$585,660 in the 2000/01 fiscal year as authorized by the February Board action. A list of new CLLS programs and the amounts awarded appears as Exhibit B.

The remainder of the CLLS budget \$2,536,971, will be awarded to 6th and subsequent year CLLS programs on a matching basis with local public and private financial support

for CLLS programs, as required by the Act. Based on estimates of funds available locally, the ratio of State to local funds for 2000/01 will be about \$1 state to \$5.32 local, or approximately 18.8% state match. Certifications for the matching funds process are due at the State Library on September 30, 2000.

Also at its February 2000 meeting the Library of California Board directed its Chief Executive Officer to allocate 2000/01 Families For Literacy funds to local participants based on the criteria contained in the Families for Literacy application materials and prior program performance, where applicable. The Chief Executive Officer announced awards to 77 applicants of which 19 are new to FFL, for a total amount of \$1,384,000. A complete list of local programs and the amounts awarded appears as Exhibit C to this agenda item.

Because of the limited resources available to existing FFL programs, the Family Literacy Specialist continues to develop public/private partnerships in order to supplement the funds provided by CLSA. These efforts have been especially successful in regards to developing sources for the gift books so essential to the FFL programs.

For the third year, FFL Programs will partnership with Starbucks Coffee. Between September 6 and October 3, 2000 nearly 250 Starbucks stores in North and Central California and in San Diego County are participating in the ABC (All Books for Children) book drive to collect new or gently used children's books. These donated books will be given to local FFL programs for use with their families and in their outreach and recruitment. It is anticipated that over 30,000 books will be donated throughout the state.

Exhibit D includes funding awards to FFL programs from the California Children and Families Commission (Prop 10) grant to CSL.

RELATED ISSUE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE: Review of 1999/2000 Special Services Program achievements in November.

Relevant Committee: Literacy
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